

Travel, Accommodations, and Food

The AERI is holding its first annual research symposium at Northern Illinois University's Naperville campus on March 15, 2016, two days before the 2016 annual meeting of the National Art Education Association in Chicago. The NIU Naperville Conference Center is located 29 miles from downtown Chicago, and accessible by train as well as car. The AERI symposium will begin early in the morning and end late in the evening on March 15th. A block of rooms are available with a reduced conference rate at the Hampton Inn, 1120 E. Diehl Road, Naperville, located across the street from the Conference Center. Other restaurants are located within a few blocks of the Conference Center (Please see below).

Complimentary shuttle service is available to and from the NIU campus from the Hampton Inn (but, it's only a 10 minute walk) as well as to local restaurants and attractions in the area. Additionally, there are several restaurants within walking distance of the hotel. There is also a bar called World of Beer, which does not serve food.

Travel and Hotel Information

Directions to Naperville NIU Conference Center and Hampton Inn from O'Hare and Midway Airports*:

By Car:

From O'Hare Airport: 1-290/94 South (Indiana) to I-88 West (Aurora). Exit Naperville Rd, turn left at the first light (Freedom Drive), right onto Diehl Road, NIU Conference Center and hotel are ¼ mile down on right.

From Midway Airport: Cicero Avenue North to I-55 South (St. Louis) to I-355 North (NW Suburbs) to I-88 West (Aurora). Exit Naperville Road, turn left at the first light (Freedom Drive), turn right onto Diehl Rd, NIU conference center and hotel are ¼ mile down on right.

(A suburban taxi fare from O'Hare should be approximately \$45-\$50. The hotel recommends American Taxi, which is a suburban taxi company that takes credit cards. It is suggested that city taxis not be taken because they may overcharge.)

By Train:

The train from downtown Chicago is a short cab ride away from the hotel.

NIU Conference Center:

1120 E Diehl Road, Naperville, IL 60563

Phone: (630) 577-9101

Hampton Inn:

1087 East Diehl Road Naperville, IL 60563

1-630-505-1400

www.chicagonaperville.hamptoninn.com

1-800-HAMPTON

Hampton Inn:

The rooms are \$99 (plus 10.4% tax) for the nights of March 14 and 15. This rate will also be available to anyone who arrives a few days before or if they want to stay longer. This includes a hot breakfast buffet every day. Complimentary shuttle service is available to and from the NIU campus across the street (but, it's only a 10 minute walk) as well as to local restaurants and attractions in the area (Please see Hampton Inn attachment in pdf format).

Area Restaurants:

Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar: 2555 W 75th Street Naperville, IL 60540 (630) 369-9464

Cooper's Hawk: 1740 Freedom Drive, Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 245-8000

Cuisine of India: 1163 E Ogden Avenue Naperville, IL 60563 Phone: (630) 548-9440

Hugo's Frog Bar & Fish House: 55 East Van Buren Avenue, Naperville, IL 60540 (630) 548-3764

Jason's Deli: 1163 E Ogden Avenue Naperville, IL 60563 Phone: (630) 548-9440

Las Palmas Mexican Restaurant: 1150 E Ogden Avenue, Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 717-9030

Maggiano's Little Italy: 1847 Freedom Drive, Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 536-2270

Morton's The Steakhouse: 1751 Freedom Drive, Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 577-1372

White Chocolate Grill: 1803 Freedom Drive, Naperville, IL 60563 Phone: (630) 505-8300